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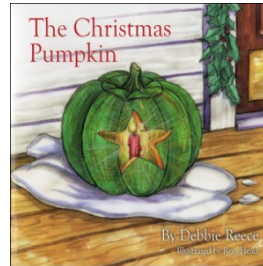
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Author to visit students

Children's book author Debbie Reece will visit NTCA this month, reading her book "The Christmas Pumpkin" and signing books for students.

Ms. Reece will be here on Tuesday, Nov. 16, to share her book with students.

"The Christmas Pumpkin" is about a pumpkin that never turns orange and is not picked for Halloween. A boy decides that he wants to use it to celebrate Christmas. The pumpkin then becomes the source of neighborhood curiosity and inspiration. Her story sweetly conveys the significance of Christmas and Hanukkah traditions through the eyes of a child.



Winner of two awards locally and nationally, this book also has the Dove Family Seal of Approval for all ages.

Ms. Reece will donate \$1 per book to our school for every book she sells the day of her visit. If you wish to purchase her book or stickers, be sure to bring your order form and payment back to your teacher by Nov. 16. The order form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

Golf Tournament



NTCA students hand out goody bags to golfers at the 5th annual James and Betsy Wood Memorial Golf Tournament. Find all the results from the golf tournament on page 5 of this newsletter.

Christmas float volunteers needed

NTCA will begin work soon on our float entry in the 11th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights.

This year's parade will be on Saturday, December 4th, at 6:30 p.m. The parade's theme is "The Songs of Christmas."

Our entry will use recycled materials to create the float with the theme "I'm dreaming of a 'green' Christmas." If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Young.

The Rotary Club of McKinney will be giving away \$1,500 in cash prizes for the best floats.

Let's show McKinney our Cougar pride!



A Message from Mrs. Young

Fall is in the air! Isn't it refreshing to have cooler days and nights? We have had a great beginning to our school year, and we are now into the second nine weeks of the school year. I am hoping that you have had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for a conference. We like to have this time to brag on your child and give you a time to do that as well. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not had a parent/teacher conference.

Our Red Ribbon Week was a time of learning the importance of keeping our bodies, minds, and hearts pure and free from drugs and alcohol. The students were colorfully dressed all week to help remind us to be pure and drug free. It was a great week and gave us time to see God's plans for our lives.

We have mourned with our precious friends Logan and Preston Campbell this week. Their mother, Melanie, passed from this life last Tuesday, October 26th. Several NTCA families and staff members attended a memorial service to honor Melanie this past weekend. What a wonderful tribute to her and her memory. We rejoice in the knowledge that Melanie is whole and healed, and that because of her decision to dedicate her life to Christ, she is with Him in eternity.

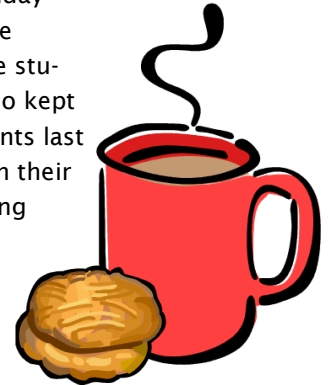
With the events of recent weeks, it is a reminder to me to take time for people. Love at all times and show how much you care. God is good and we need to show that to others!

Class fundraiser continues this Friday

The fifth, sixth and seventh graders will hold one more fundraiser this Friday, November 5th, to raise money for their Medieval Times field trip. With the colder weather, snowcones are being replaced with hot chocolate and cookies. Students can purchase two cookies for \$1 and a cup of hot chocolate for \$1.

A great big thank you to all the parents for supporting their class fundraisers. Mrs. Foster said they are

very close to their goal! In addition to the Friday snowcone sales, the students also kept 24 students last month on their babysitting night.



Cougars collect for food pantry

NTCA Cougars are collecting non-perishable food items each Wednesday during chapel to help the High Pointe Food Pantry serve local families in need. The food pantry helps 65 to 70 families each week by providing a bag of groceries.

Some suggested items to bring

each week include: canned vegetables, canned soup, canned fruit, canned meat (chicken, tuna, etc.), spaghetti sauce, pasta, dry or hot cereal, macaroni and cheese, dried beans, rice and peanut butter.

Thank you for your help in this ministry!

Cubs Corner



In November our preschool students are learning about Daniel and about the Thanksgiving holiday. They are learning the letters G, H, and I, the color brown, and the triangle shape.

The memory verse students are learning is Psalms 30:12: "O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever."

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 9th — Preschool Picture Day

Nov. 11th—Order form for Chick-fil-A lunch due

Nov. 18th — Preschool will order Chik-fil-A for lunch

Cougar of the Month

Haylee Winstead was the September Cougar of the Month. She is in Mrs. Wallace's fourth grade class.

"Haylee is very sweet and kind to others," Mrs. Wallace said. "She often puts others first. Her kind deeds are a Christ-like example of the love she has for her friends at NTCA."

Congratulations, Haylee!



Haylee Winstead

Classroom News

Kindergarten Readiness

KR is continuing to learn new letters and their sounds, and we're even working on blends and forming new words. We are also working on graphing this month. The annual Thanksgiving feast is coming up, and we will be working on a short skit for this program.

Kindergarten

During October our class learned many letters and sounds, and we've been working hard writing those in our red journals. We also enjoy writing in our creative journals and even have our own word cards now! In math we have been learning measuring, comparing numbers, and learning how many letters are in all of our names. We learned many character traits in social studies and in science we learned about the senses and the weather in North Texas. We are also learning about pumpkins and spiders. We had a great day at the pumpkin patch last week, and the hayride was the big hit!

Don't forget to sign-up to join your child(ren) for our annual KR/Elementary/MS Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 19th. We will begin with a short program at 11:30.



August/September Students of the Week

Week of August 23	Week of September 6	Week of September 20
KR – Peyton Humphrey	KR – Ellie Francis	KR – Kaylin Carlson
K – David Vilches	K – Bryce Tennison	K – Hope Boyle
1st – Landree Wilson	1st – Ryan Humphrey	1st – Morgan Krizek
2nd – Thomas Klovstad	2nd – Bradey Zimmerman	2nd – Julia Lincks
3rd – Trinity Cristina	3rd – Cory Tennison	3rd – Nick Lincks
4th – Lexie Bartlett	4th – Haylee Winstead	4th – Colton Leach
5th/6th/7th – Clay Chapman	5th/6th/7th – Sara Mendoza	5th/6th/7th – Caleb Ross
Week of August 30	Week of September 13	Week of September 27
KR – Paxton Cox	KR – Micah Finan	KR – Corben Stieglmeyer
K – Evah-Luv Mendoza	K – Kathryn Van Druff	K – Masy Hoke
1st – Averi Carlson	1st – Bailey Foster	1st – Dylan Ndoko
2nd – Emerson Waskom	2nd – Morgan Pettway	2nd – Jackson Jones
3rd – Dylan Boyle	3rd – Dylan Shaw	3rd – Rex Dooley
4th – Grant Fletcher	4th – Tate Chaffin	4th – Grant Fletcher
5th/6th/7th – Mark Haaland	5th/6th/7th – Aubrey Krizek	5th/6th/7th – Dezri Cristina

Third and Fourth Grades

October was a fun month in 3rd & 4th grade Language Arts. Both classes have been reading a novel, looking up new vocabulary words, and answering reading comprehension questions. Third grade finished reading *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* last week, and we watched the movie too! Fourth grade finished reading *Ramona's World* last week, and we plan to watch the movie *Ramona and Beezus* soon.

In Social Studies, the third graders are learning all about how immigrants came to the United States to live a new life, and how they brought some of their customs and traditions with them. Fourth grade just finished learning about Texas symbols. Each student created a Texas Symbol flipbook containing each of the state's symbols and why that symbol was chosen to represent Texas. The flipbooks are on display in the classroom. Their next project is to research the American Indian tribes of Texas.

Students celebrate fall, firefighters last month



October was all about pumpkins and the color orange. ABOVE: The Kindergarten Readiness class bobbed for apples and then covered them with caramel for some Orange Day treats. TOP, RIGHT: Students from Mrs. Jackson's and Mrs. DeLaughter's KR class posed among the pumpkins during their visit to Big Orange Pumpkin Patch on October 21. BELOW, RIGHT: Mrs. Hart's kindergarteners learned all about pumpkins this month.



McKinney firefighters visited the Preschool, Kindergarten Readiness, and Kindergarten classes on October 7. Students had a chance to hear about what firefighters do and they even got to hear the fire truck's siren. TOP, LEFT: Hope, Masyn, and Anders had a great time seeing the fire truck. BOTTOM, LEFT: Ms. Megan's One's Class got to meet the firefighters. ABOVE: The KR class loved the fire truck.



Golf tournament raises about \$10,000 for NTCA

The James and Betsy Wood Memorial Golf Tournament was held on October 11, 2010. This was the fifth year for this event, and it was a huge success. We had approximately 90 golfers join us for the day. There were thunderstorms in the morning, but God provided sunshine and beautiful weather in time for the shotgun start. Approximately \$10,000 was raised through the tournament and will be used to update and add items to enhance the school's technology. Please be sure to support our sponsors for the tournament. Many of you had a hand in helping with the organization of the tournament, and we could not have done it without you. Thanks so much for helping to make our tournament such a huge success!

First Flight Team Winners

First Place Gross—David Savage, Marcus Jones, Steve Storey, Ron West

First Place Net—Steve Cross, Reid Colley, Brad Olsen, Fern Laclette

Second Flight Team Winners

First Place Gross—Steve Chapman, Hank Lang, Johnny Bell, Jim Travers

First Place Net—Darin Dodd, Mike Clark, Matt Malone, Chris Kubiak

Course contest winners included Brian Northington (Putting Contest), Trent Varvel (Closest to Hole # 5), David Epley (Closest to Hole # 17), Jacob Stephenson (Longest Drive # 16), Justin Gusoskey (Closest to Hole # 8), and Ron Perry (Closest to Hole # 12).



TOP: Gary Stephenson tells golfers about the tournament's namesakes, James and Betsy Wood. **RIGHT:** Dave Davenport takes part in the putting contest.



Many thanks to our tournament sponsors and donors!

We would like to thank the many sponsors who helped make the tournament possible. Without them, the tournament could not happen. Please take a moment to look at the list of sponsors and donors below and visit these businesses. They are helping NTCA in a huge way!

PowerLift Foundation Repair; PGA Tour Superstore; Chick-Fil-A; AJ & J Agri Services; Academy Sports & Outdoors; Best Buy; Honda Cars of McKinney; Stonebridge Ranch Country Club; Rockfish Seafood Grill; Golf Course of McKinney; Chase Oaks Golf Club; Oak Hollow Golf Course; Texas Roadhouse; Hutchins BBQ; Genghis Grill; West

Ridge Golf Course; Qwik Wash America; Chicken Express; El Chico; Fischer Lube Center; Hank's Texas Grill; Jalapeno's Mexican Grill; Roosters Haircuts; San Miguel Grill; Spring Creek Barbecue; Wing Stop; Color Bowl; and Cotton Patch Café.

A huge thank you to the following businesses and individuals for purchasing tee markers in support of the tournament: American National Bank; The Bearden Group; Dr. Darin Dodd; Encore! Event Management; Farmers Insurance Agency, Louie Kilgore, agent; Joplin Compressor Services; Kaczor Construction & Milling; The Milstead Team; A J&J Agri Services; Republic Ti-

tle of Texas; Technology Service Professionals; High Pointe Church of Christ; Power Lift Foundation Repair; Best Buy; Chick fil A; PGA Superstore; Academy Sports and Outdoors; Honda Cars of McKinney; Farmers Insurance Agency, Mike Crise, agent; Dr. David McCarley; State Farm Insurance, Linda Terry, agent; Dr. Alan Upchurch; McKinney Office Supply; Dottie and Wayne Anderson; John and Sharon Foster; Glenda Goodwyn; Bill and Cloise Green; Gene and Michelle McDougald; Claude and Ima Jean Reynolds; Rusty Stewart; Col. and Mrs. Billy Wood; Todd and Toni Young; Betsy and Terry Davis; Brett and Vickie Baker; and Bill and Kathy James.

Easy ways to help NTCA

Tom Thumb

Do you shop at Tom Thumb? Sign up for their Tom Thumb Rewards Card and designate NTCA to benefit each time you use your card.

Through Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program, you can complete a Reward Application Form at the store's courtesy booth, and designate NTCA as your favorite charity. NTCA's reward number is 10657. Helping NTCA is as easy as doing your grocery shopping each week.

Target

If you already have a Target credit card or check card, you can designate NTCA to receive 1 percent of your store and online purchases. For more information, RED-card holders can go to Target.com to view the instructions in the bottom left-hand side of the homepage, under "The REDcards."

And don't forget to keep sending in those Box Tops for Education, SunnyD labels, and juice pouches!

4-H meetings begin in January

4-H Club meetings will begin in January 2011. The 4H club will be open to all students in Kindergarten and up. The 4-H Club will emphasize building leadership skills and self esteem. The meetings will possibly be once a week after school. More specific information will be sent out soon. Parents can go to www.4-h.org to learn more about the opportunities associated with 4-H. Please contact Marie Hoke with specific questions at marie@vanpoole.com.

Candy collection for troops

Always wondering what to do with the leftover Halloween candy? Now you can donate your extra candy to a good cause.

NTCA will have collection boxes for Operation Gratitude, which collects candy to include in holiday packages for troops overseas. NTCA parent Tina Tennison

will put out donation boxes after Halloween through November 12th to collect wrapped candy, including chocolate.

Your student can also include a personal letter to a military service member. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.opgratitude.com>.

November Lunch Volunteer

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at twinstead@northtexaschristian.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Colleen Haaland	3 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	4 Holly Milstead	5 Alison Mains, Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap
8 Emily Chapman, Molly Brewer	9 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	10 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofof, Shannon Humphrey	11 Anndria Wilson	12 Alison Mains, Vera Burrell, Ken Dunlap, Tina Autry
15 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad	16 Colleen Haaland	17 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	18 Holly Milstead	19 Thanksgiving Feast
22	23	24	25	26
No School-Thanksgiving Break				
29 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad	30 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches			

Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Needs You

We are seeking Cougar families who have gifts, talents, skills, and a little extra time to become involved in the Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Committee, which meets the second Tuesday of each month at the school.

P.R.I.D.E. stands for Philanthropy, Resource, Internal Communications, Development, and Events. Each area has opportunities for volunteers.

- **Philanthropy**—Helping our students develop a giving heart and generous spirit of serving others, such as Shoes for Orphan Souls

- **Resource**—a.k.a. "fund-raising" to help keep tuition rates reasonable and provide scholarships.

- **Internal Communications**— newsletter, website

- **Development**—Everything from developing relationships with businesses to developing programs for our students.

- **Events**— Internal events such as the book fair and external events that give our students visibility in the community.

The next scheduled Cougar P.R.I.D.E. meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 9th at 8:45 a.m.



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Save the Date:

December 3 — The Nutcracker Field Trip (3rd-7th grades)

December 4 — Christmas Parade of Lights

December 9 — Christmas Program

Order form for "The Christmas Pumpkin" author visit

P.O. Box 1424
Howe, Texas 75459

www.beebopbooks.com

903-532-6841
beebopbook@verizon.net

Order Form (prices reflect TX sales tax)

All checks should be made payable to BeeBop Books or Debbie Reece

Item Description	Price/tax	Quantity
The Christmas Pumpkin book (with pull out coloring sheet)	\$8.66	_____
Stickers (4 per sheet)	\$1.08	_____
	Total	_____

If you want books personalized, please include correct spellings for names and if it is for a girl or a boy. Please include the teacher's name. Thank you
